



# Why Broker for Yourself? Clearing U.S. Customs

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# Ultimate Responsibility

Pursuant to the Customs Modernization Act and Informed Compliance Act, the importer is totally responsible for the correct classification of its imported merchandise. Liability for incorrect classification cannot be subrogated to an agent (i.e., customs broker or freight forwarder) of your company.



# Complicated Regulations

- **Customs Regulations** (19 CFR 1-199)
- **International Traffic in Arms Regulations**  
(22 CFR 120.18, 123.2, 123.14 – Temporary Imports of a defense article)
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms**  
(27 CFR Parts 447, 478 and 479 – Permanent Imports of items on the U.S. Munitions Import List)
- **Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulations** (10 CFR 110)  
Source, Byproduct, SNM, Facilities
- **Toxic Substance Control Act** (15 US Code 53)
- **Food & Drug Administration** (21 USC 321 and 381)
- **Other – Agriculture, Health & Human Services**



# Saving \$

- Temporary Import Bonds
- Duty-Free Entry
- Proper Classification



# End-User Certificates

- Signature by someone that can obligate you organization
- U.S. companies requiring of U.S. buyers
- Check use annually



# Questions ?

